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DEPARTMENT FOR A; WHITE HOUSE FOR MS. MARY HOTY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, ROSALYNN)
SUBJECT: REVISED PROPOSED DEPARTURE STATEMENT OF MRS. CARTER

REF: KINGSTON 2538

1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOR
USE BY MRS. CARTER. REVISIONS IN PARAS 4 AND 5 WERE
REQUIRED BY CHANGE OF ITINERARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

MR. PRIME MINISTER, I WANT TO THANK MY NEW JAMAICAN
FRIENDS -- THOSE I MET PERSONALLY, AND EQUALLY THOSE I
MET THROUGH THE MEDIA -- FOR THE WARM AND WONDERFUL
HOSPITALITY THEY HAVE SHOWN TO ME AND TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS
OF MY PARTY. AND I KNOW THAT MRS. VANCE AND ASSISTANT
SECRETARY TODMAN JOIN ME IN THIS SENSE OF APPRECIATION.

THAT OUR TALKS YESTERDAY WERE WARM AND FRIENDLY, NEED
HARDLY BE SAID. WHAT WE CONCLUDED HAS BEEN SAID IN OUR
STATEMENT. ONLY TIME WILL TELL HOW FRUITFUL THESE TALKS
HAVE BEEN. THERE WAS A WILL ON BOTH SIDES TO MAKE
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THEM PRODUCTIVE, AND WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS
NEARLY ALWAYS A WAY.

DINNER LAST NIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF JAMAICA HOUSE
REMINDS ME SO MUCH OF HOME. I SHAN'T SOON FORGET THE
HIGH SPIRITS OF THE SINGERS WHO PERFORMED FOR US.

I SAID WHEN I ARRIVED THAT I HAD COME HERE TO LISTEN AND TO LEARN. I WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED THIS MORNING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT JAMAICA NOT ONLY FROM ITS POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS, BUT ALSO FROM THE WORKERS IN THE CANE FIELD. MY VISIT TO THE BERNARD LODGE SUGAR WORKERS COOPERATIVE THIS MORNING WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MY VISIT TO JAMAICA. AND I LEARNED THAT THE JAMAICAN SUN SHINES BRIGHTLY ON THE CANE FIELDS AS WELL AS ON THE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES. I STRONGLY SUSPECT THAT THE BATHERS ARE RATHER MORE FOND OF ITS WARMING RAYS THAN THE CANE CUTTERS IN THE FIELDS. AS YOU MAY KNOW, I HAD A CHANCE TO TRY MY OWN HAND AT CUTTING A BIT OF CANE AND I CAME AWAY WITH A NEW APPRECIATION FOR THE HEAVY LABOURS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE EFFORTS MAKE THE WORLD'S DESSERTS SO SWEET.

I CAN ALSO APPRECIATE HOW REWARDING IT MUST BE FOR THEM TO REALIZE THAT BY THEIR MUTUAL EFFORT THEY ARE NOT ONLY ENHANCING THEIR OWN ECONOMIC WELFARE, BUT THAT OF THEIR CHILDREN, THEIR NEIGHBORS, AND THEIR FELLOW COOPERATORS. NOT LEAST IMPORTANT, THEY ARE SETTING AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE FOR THEIR FELLOW WORKERS. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW IMPRESSED I WAS WITH THEIR FRIENDLINESS AND THE DIGNITY WITH WHICH THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH GO WITH BEING NOT ONLY WORKERS, BUT CO-OWNERS. HOW PROUD ALL OF YOU MUST BE OF ALL OF THEM.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, PERMIT ME ONE MORE WORD ON THE SUBJECT OF OUR TALKS. QUITE FRANKLY, I DO NOT
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THINK THAT PROBLEMS SUCH AS THOSE WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED CAN BE SOLVED MERELY BY SUBSTITUTING A NEW ORTHODOXY FOR AN OLD ONE. WHAT IS NEEDED IS THE APPLICATION, IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, OF OUR MOST CREATIVE INSIGHTS AND IMAGINATIVE EFFORTS TO THE DISCOVERY OF NEW, AND MORE EQUITABLE WAYS TO RELATE HUMAN EFFORT TO HUMAN NEED.

IT IS SAID THAT THE LONGEST JOURNEY BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP. WORKING TOGETHER, STRIVING FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, WITH A JOINT EFFORT AT FRIENDLY TOLERATION OF DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH, WE CAN TAKE THAT FIRST STEP TOGETHER AND BEGIN THAT LONG JOURNEY.

NOT LONG AGO, IN ONE OF OUR NEWSPAPERS, I SAW AN ADVERTISEMENT WHICH SAID "COME BACK TO JAMAICA". NOW THAT I HAVE BEEN HERE, AND MET ALL OF THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE, I FEEL MORE NEARLY QUALIFIED TO ACCEPT THAT INVITATION. AND, ALTHOUGH I CANNOT SAY PRECISELY

WHEN, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I WILL ACCEPT. NEXT TIME,
PERHAPS, I CAN BRING THE REST OF THE FAMILY.

THANK YOU'
DORRANCE

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